

Application No.: 10/700195

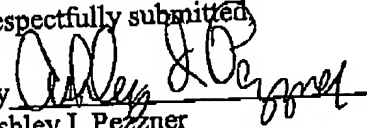
REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendment and following remarks. In order to expedite prosecution, the applicant has cancelled claim 1 and rewritten allowed claim 6 into the independent form. The applicant has changed the dependencies of the dependent claims so that they ultimately depend from independent claim 6. All the pending claims are process claims which ultimately depend from independent claim 6.

Claims 1-5, 13, 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Sakurai. Claims 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakurai in combination with U.S. Patent No. 4,431,794 to Sadlowski et al. (hereinafter "Sادلowski"), PGP 2003/0018104 to Mours et al. (hereinafter "Mours") and applicant's disclosure. The rejections are no longer applicable because the applicant has amended the claims so that all claims the ultimately depend from allowable independent claim 6.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. A one month extension has been paid. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 05587-00359-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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